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ZINC BUOYANT LEAD HIGHER!

Kentucky Leads in Fluor Spar Production
The Reed Mining Company's
First Annual Report.

AN IMMENSE CORNISH PUMP FOR LUCILE
MINE—MOVEMENTS OF FIRE CLAY—
MINING ITEMS.

SALES AND TRANSFERS OF THE WEEK.

ACCORDING TO A BULLETIN recently issued by the United States Geological Survey, the number of producers of fluor spar in 1902 was 18, the number who reported production 1903 was 12. These included 1 in Arizona, 4 in Illinois, 6 in Kentucky and 1 in Tennessee. There were 3 producers in Kentucky, 1 in Arizona and 1 in Illinois who reported production in 1902, but none in 1903. Kentucky's production, valued at \$153,960, was nearly three times as much as that of all other states. It showed an increase of \$10,550 in value over the production of 1902, which was due to an increased production of ground fluor spar. Illinois, Arizona and Tennessee, on the other hand, showed a marked falling off in production. Besides the 12 producers of fluor spar, there were 3 companies in Kentucky and 1 in Illinois that were developing fluor spar properties in 1903 and expect to be producers of this mineral in 1904.

THE REED MINING COMPANY issues their first annual report this week. It says that up to the first of May last, considerable prospecting on the 123 acres of land was carried forward and some ore shipped. Within the past few weeks an offer has been received by this company from one of the largest industrial enterprises in America to purchase from 6000 to 10000 tons yearly of a semi ore material that was uncovered in what is known as shaft No. 8, so called from being located on lot 8 just in the rear of the old Blick house. This material is of a very dark color and carries considerable iron and sulphur with possibly a small percentage of manganese. The base of it seems to be a shale, yet whatever it may be, it has been thoroughly sampled and enough of it forwarded to decide the purchasers as to its value and they have made their offer accordingly. The price per ton, while not extravagantly high, should with good, economical moving, be enough to afford the Reed Mining Co. a handsome profit. The report mentioned states that at the present market price of the building lots and mining shares, two dollars per ton profit on this material will pay an annual dividend of 40 per cent on the investment, based upon the shipment of 5000 tons per annum. This product will have to be shoveled up, dried, crushed and passed through a 20 mesh screen before loading. As the whole material is taken and no sorting required a side track can be run over into the property at small expense and the transportation very greatly lessened although teams can easily make right round trips to the freight cars at the depot daily. An addition to our already large output of 5,000 to 10,000 tons per year will be of very great advantage to this city.

The report says that not a dollar of debt exists on the property and that something over \$4,000 is still to be paid over to the Company from the sale of lots and shares in the Reed addition which is due as fast as sales are made and the money received.

The cost of the crushers, screens, power, etc., is estimated at \$3500. One hundred and thirty-one building lots have already been sold and paid for in this addition, the average price being in the vicinity of \$50 each. Each lot carries a certificate of 1000 shares of stock in the Reed Mining Company. The price has been advanced to \$75 and with the present outlook a great many will be disposed of during the present month. The prospect for the future certainly looks most encouraging.

THE LUCILE MINE has recently been given a thorough investigation by old man Eren. While no information has been given out as to the results of his work, it may be inferred that the report will be very satisfactory to the Lucile company as arrangements for a more extensive pumping system are being made and a corps of miners will be employed sufficient to carry out the recommendations of Mr. Eren. The Lucile has one of the deepest shafts in the district, considerably more than 200 feet and has shown almost from the surface every indication of a great body of ore somewhere in the depth. The mine will be closed down until the large pump and other machinery arrives when active work will again be resumed and pressed night and day.

THIRTY-FIVE wagons were hauling clay from the Stevens' mine at Salem to the rail road in this city all of the week. It is quite probable that this number will be more than doubled and that the required amount for the Western Tube Company at Kewanee, Ill., will be delivered before the bad road season opens. Mr. Bush, of Smithland, has the work in charge again this season and fire clay to burn will be met with in an unbroken line of wagons between Marion and Salem (12 miles) making the road less picturesque but decidedly more dusty.

THE NEW ERA, of Hopkinsville, has rather a sensational account of the unearthing of an unknown vein of coal at Nortonville only six feet underneath number 9 which was being worked. That paper says that Prof. Norwood, the State Geologist, was telegraphed for and his decision was anxiously awaited. Ordinarily a vein of coal asserts itself sufficiently to indicate that it is coal and most coal miners would certainly know what it was. We are informed by one of the best posted coal men in Hopkins county that this was simply a discovery of "hot air," the new vein of coal being entirely in the minds of the finders.

AMONG our mining men visiting various portions of the Illinois field this week are Messrs. L. W. Cruce, Geo. P. Roberts and L. W. Ring.

THE SALES in the Joplin, Mo., district for the seven months ended July 31 were 307,333,230 pounds of lead ore, valued in all at \$6,126,595.

COFFEE AND DOLLAR prospects on the Will Davidson's place near Levas are very much improved. It now looks like a mighty good proposition. This property is an extension of the Charlie Larue vein recently opened.

THE COLUMBIA SHAFT is being deepened. It is intended to run the third level at 200 feet. At the present time Mr. Drescher is keeping the concentrating plant fully supplied with ore and the shipment of zinc and lead are very regular.

M. F. MCGRAW, of Toledo, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky., arrived here on Saturday last and is visiting Dr. Harry Watkins. He will likely purchase considerable mining property from Lawrence Cruce and possibly some of Mr. Person's holdings.

CHARLES H. ELLIS, of Calhoun, Ky., is reported to be organizing a bank at Morganfield, Ky., capital \$25,000. John M. Crowe will, it is stated, be the president, and Mr. Ellis the cashier. It will be a national bank, and is to begin business November 1.

THE MARION BEARD property which is being prospected under the direction of that very successful ore finder, Joel Farmer, is showing very beautiful zinc and lead ore. It is understood that the second vein has been tapped and is really stronger in value than the first.

THE MARION MINERAL Co. are mining a very high grade fluor spar on their last year's purchased property in Illinois. Their shipping point is Equality, Ill., on the B. & O. S. W. railroad. The price paid for hauling between the mine and railroad it is stated, is \$2.25 per ton.

W. C. CREN, of the "Old Jim" mine left on Tuesday for a month's visit to the St. Louis Fair. The Record will very likely publish Mr. Cren's impressions of our Crittenden and Livingston counties' mineral exhibit as compared with other countries and other portions of this country. Our readers will understand fully the advances we have made in the past two years after reading his letters.

THE KENTUCKY MIDLAND Railroad Co., has been incorporated to build a line from Central City to Madisonville, 26 miles. This is probably the line reported as being backed by the Oregon Coal Co., which has holdings near Earles Postoffice, five miles from Madisonville, a survey for the road having been completed. The directors are as follows: P. J. and R. J. Jennings, Ed. Tranholmes, B. E. Wood and J. Erb.

ARTICLES of incorporation were filed at Hopkinsville for the Giles Creek Mining Company. The incorporators are: County Clerk John P. Prowse, Circuit Judge Thomas P. Cook, County Judge W. T. Fowler and Deputy Sheriff T. J. Tate. The capital stock is \$5,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The company reserves the right to increase this to \$20,000 should occasion demand. The company is formed for the purpose of mining lead, zinc, fluor spar and other minerals, and for refining and disposing of same. The mines will be located on Giles Creek, about four miles from that city on the Greenville road.

PROF. H. FOSTER BAIN, of the United States Geological Survey accompanied by A. Foster Crider, who has been associated with the survey work for two years or more spent several days this week investigating several difficult geological problems in this district. Their decision will be very apt to cause deeper sinking on several of the important prospects in our near vicinity.

THE FLUOR SPAR output of the Kentucky Fluor Spar Co., is estimated as follows: Yandell mine 20 tons, Tabb 20, Tabor 20, Wheatcroft 6, Ashbridge 40, Memphis 20, Brown 20, and several less important producing properties making an aggregate of some 175 tons every week day during the mining season. A portion of the output is held as a reserve at their three shipping points, Marion, Craneyville and Mexico on the L. C. railroad.

LAWRENCE W. CRUCE sold on Tuesday to Miller & Company, of Evansville, Ind., one of the most productive lead properties in Southern Illinois. The mine is situated near Cave-in-rock and has already in the ore house fully 60 tons of high grade lead ore that should bring at the present market price fully \$3000.00. The Miller Company will at once commence work in mining, shipping and erecting a reverberatory furnace for putting the lead ore into metal. Consideration \$15,000.00.

J. R. FINLEY, Secretary of the Lucile Mining Company, of this city, is inspecting the Pell mine which is near Elizabethtown, Ill. It is supposed that the Lucile people are back of this movement. The Pell property consists of about 150 acres in fee simple, a shaft nearly 100 feet in depth and a first-class Joplin type of separating mill capable of handling 50 tons of ore daily. It is stated that the lead and zinc ore pay streak is fully three feet wide at 65 feet depth at which point this vein dipped out of the shaft. If the statements about the Pell mine are corroborated, a great big producing zinc, lead and fluor spar shipper will be added to the Illinois district.

WILL LOWERY, of Salem, who has had the lay of the land down pat ever since he was old enough to distinguish fluor spar from oak lumber has a shaft some sixty feet in depth on the T. J. Rabb property near Salem. At twenty feet John Harpending reports one of the strongest veins of zinc blende and carbonate of zinc ever uncovered in the district. At 60 feet this heavy vein of ore has widened out to fully seven feet. Mr. Lowery has just completed for a foreign corporation an option for 1000 acres of mining property scattered throughout the entire district and what is a little remarkable, he shows good ore on every tract of land.

THE JOPLIN MARKET for last week was strong and buoyant. Lead ore advanced \$1.50 per ton, zinc selling at \$40.

Our private Joplin advices say: "The mines are not outputting as much ore as is needed by the smelters drawing their supply from this territory. The demand for experienced miners in this district is increasing every week, and many mine operators are having considerable difficulty in securing enough men in the ground to keep their mills supplied with dirt. Good wages are being paid but the demand for men is greater than the supply. Every experienced miner in the district who wants work is employed. This condition is brought about by the increased prospecting and the putting on of extra shifts by many of the larger companies. Many mines that have been idle for some time on account of water or other reasons are being put in operation. This is due to the continued good price of ore."

DARK TOBACCO

Should be Fire Cured and Tied
in Small Hands For The
English Market.

SUBSTITUTE FOR
BURLEY NOT NEEDED.

This season the tobacco growers of this section should fire their tobacco and prepare it for the English market. The crop of burley seems to be full and very likely there will be a sufficient amount of it to meet all demands, hence it is not likely that there will be any demand for air cured dark tobacco.

Formerly, to prepare tobacco for the English market meant in stripping from the stalk to tie it in as large hands as possible. It was then sold to the local buyers who stemmed it and prized the strips ready to ship abroad. In the last few years great quantities of dark tobacco have been shipped to England in this manner, the English people using the dark product, while the air cured and burley products are chiefly in demand on the home market.

However, the English government through the eyes of Joseph Chamberlain perceiving of the amount of labor necessary to stem the immense amount of tobacco there and what the work would mean to the laboring class of parts of England, a budget was prepared and approved by the House of Commons which placed an additional revenue of 6 cents per pound on strips. Among other things this

was doubtless one reason why the offerings for dark tobacco prepared for the strip market was lower last season since to be shipped abroad in the leaf and hand it would have to be rehandled. So this crop of the dark tobacco will be wanted by the English buyers to ship abroad in the leaf. To prepare the growing crop so as to command the best prices on this market, the crop should be allowed to ripen well in the field before cutting. After it is cut it should be allowed to begin to yellow and then fired. Then in stripping it from the stalk, assort it well and tie it up in small, smooth hands. Thus it can be handled, prized and shipped abroad without retying.

The revenue placed on strips by the English government attains the end they have in view and unless it is removed, which is not likely in the near future, there will be no tobacco brought here for strips but it will all be shipped abroad in small hands and the stemming will be done by laborers in England.

Walter Walker.

Walter Walker has sold his interest in The Grand Junction (Col.) Herald, to his partner, H. E. Frost.

The Herald says: "In the six months that Mr. Walker has been associated with the writer we have found him congenial and willing to do his part in the arduous duties of the office. He is an indefatigable worker, a versatile writer, and far above the average newspaper man in comprehending the manifold duties and details of journalistic work. We have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Walker has a bright future before him if he desires to follow his chosen calling. For the present he will go out in the country where he can continuously have outdoor exercise."

Eighty acres of fine farming land on Piney Creek, 6-12 miles east of Marion, and some choice building lots in Marion for sale. S-21. J. J. CLARK, M. D.

SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

The Eleventh Session Has The Brightest Outlook The School
School Has Ever Known—Five Thousand Dollar Addition
Will be Ready December Fifteenth.

REMARKS BY MR. EVANS TO PUPILS AND PATRONS!

To the Pupils and Patrons of Marion Graded School:
School begins next Monday morning at 8:45 in the School Hall. The school begins its Eleventh session with the brightest outlook it has ever known. A splendid past to help us, a united and loyal constituency, a rapid growing city, a splendid non-resident attendance coming, a school sentiment rarely known in the State, and the five thousand dollar addition ready Dec. 15th surely it is not a bad phrase this, "brightest year yet."

But it is our business to see that education in this vicinity shall grow to "more and more." The things have made for the strength of the past:

Patrons have put their children into school the first day. As patrons in truth you have kept them there. Attendance is the GREAT LAW OF SCHOOL SUCCESS. You have not been carping critics, but you have been silent supporters. A sneer at the school at the breakfast table has ruined for many a boy and girl a whole year of training. You talk school at home and abroad, you support it with your votes and money. These influences from the patrons are reflected in the pupils. The pupils of the school work, nothing doubting. The pupils realize in every way that school work is the one business now of their lives. They know and admit that Marion School building is the only place of honor for the boy or girl of Marion of school age and who could attend. They are too aspiring and sensible to think they have done their duty entire, by graduating in the Common School merely and so go on to High School and College.

If these principles have made us known as the best school center in the State for our size, then let us cleave unto them with our lives. The teachers pledge their all to build with care upon our tried foundation stones of Progress, Happiness, Work and Morality. With the School's motto: "Nothing too Good for the Common School," upon our lips, let us move up to the good things that await those who build carefully, earnestly and morally for their children! All friends are invited to our opening Monday morning.